

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert a statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP03/01537, filed February 15, 2003.

The specification has further been amended to insert section headings.

Claims 18 has been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claims 3, 5-9, 12 and 14-17 have been amended as set forth above to eliminate multiple dependencies. Support for this amendment is found in original claims 3, 5-9, 12 and 14-17. See, *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l).

Claim 6 has been amended, for clarity, to insert a comma before the term "wherein." It is respectfully submitted that this amendment is formal in nature and does not change the scope of the claim in any manner.

Claim 11 has been amended, for clarity, to replace the term "recombinant" with "transformed." Support for this amendment is found in original claims 10 and 11. *Id.*

Claim 14 has been amended, for clarity, to remove the recitation of "preferably *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* S288C (ATCC 204508)." Support for this amendment is found in original claim 14. *Id.*

Claim 19 has been added. Support for this amendment is found in original claim 3. *Id.*

Claim 20 has been added. Support for this amendment is found in original claim 12. *Id.*

Claim 21 has been added. Support for this amendment is found in original claim 14. *Id.*

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments and claims. Approval and entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to Examination on the merits, and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, are requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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